

the previous statement that Mr. Miyagawa, the present Governor of Nagasaki, has resigned; many surmises have been made, and rumors have been spread, but the Governor has said that such rumors which prompted this step, but the root cause has not as yet transpired. Household property as well as furniture, says the *Sun*, has been greatly depopulated in Nagasaki. The causes are various, but undoubtedly the principal one is that of scarcity of the precious metal. "Pent-up credit and unproductive investments have finally prompted to reduce their expenses, and thereby leave more time to studying the art of making ends meet."

H.M.'s envying ship *Syloia*, Captain St. John, accompanied by H.M.'s gunboat *Stemmer*, Captain Solitto, have sailed from Nagasaki on a cruise to the south, and more property speaking, an expedition to the Philippines.

1. *Amphiprion* *lineatus*

A mail will follow
 For Singapore, Penang, and London.—Per
 steamer, to-day, the 17th inst., at Noon.
 For Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Queensland,
 Amoy, and Melbourne.—Per *Hindogata*, to-
 day, the 17th inst., at 2.30 p.m.
 For Queensland, Sydney, Amoy, and
 Melbourne.—Per *Argyll*, to-day, the 17th inst.,
 at 2.30 p.m., instead of as previously notified.
 Correspondence (including that for the Straits
 and India, by either packet) may be registered
 up to 2.15 p.m.
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui.—Per *Leonor*,
 to-day, the 17th inst., at 8 p.m.
 For Swatow.—To-morrow, the 18th inst., at
 4 a.m.
 For Swatow.—Per *Columbian*, on Monday,
 the 19th inst., at 11.30 a.m.
 For Cebu.—On Monday, the 18th inst., at
 3.30 a.m.
 For Cebu.—Per *Messa*, on Monday, the
 18th inst., at 1.30 p.m.
 For Hawaii, via Canton (overland).—On
 to-day, the 16th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

Singapore, Malacca, Galle, Pondicherry, Adra, Calcutta, Bombay, Amoy, Swatow, and Macao.

The following will be the hours of mailing the mails, &c.

Friday, 23rd instant,
8 A.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 24th instant,
7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 A.M. Registry of Letters closes.
11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.15 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
11.30 A.M. when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

ALFRED DICKER,
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 10th June, 1878.

The Post Office of Victoria (Australia) having given notice to the General Post Office in London that articles of Jewellery received in that Colony are chargeable with Customs Duties, the Undersecretary considers it necessary to make public that any letters or packets containing such articles sent through the Post are liable, with their contents, to be forfeited.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the box is fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of householders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a Quilt-book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution excites a doubt as to whether the contents will be forwarded by the Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether part of them might not have been abstracted for the rate of the Postage Stamp.

There is a common belief in the existence of a Parcel Post, by which articles as Furs, Carrots, Silk Dresses, Scarves, Jewellery, Articles, &c. can be forwarded at low rates. Field Post, &c., can be forwarded at low rates. It cannot be too distinctly stated that such things can only be sent as letters, and they very cheap rate, in 12 cents per half ounce by Private Stencher. All such packages should be Roy sealed (see note 1). If the package is heavy it can be sent through one of the Parcel Expresses conducted by Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & M^r. W. H. NOTTIE, which, for anything over 4 or 5 ounces, will be found cheaper than the Post.

As some misapprehension exists regarding the transmission of "Packets" and "Samples" through the Post, it is hereby notified that general information, that the privilege of sending such articles through the post at the rates of postage applicable to them is restricted to *bona fide Trade Parcels or Samples or Merchandise*. Goods sent for Sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another which are not strictly patterns or samples, are not admissible.

Arrangements having been made under which Mails for London arriving at Suez from China by Private Ships, will be forwarded to England by the Suez Mail, it is hereby notified

that the rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, on correspondence addressed to the United Kingdom so forwarded, will be as follows, viz.:

For Letters.....	34 cents per half ounce
For Newspapers.....	8 " each
" not exceeding 1 ounce	cents.
For Books and.....	" 2 " 6 "
" 4 " 12 "	
" every additional 4. "	12 "

His Excellency Governor Sir ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., is pleased to direct that the following revised Rates of Postage (including those notified on the 15th instant) be published for general information.

Letters.....	Overs.
France and Alsace and Brindisi, &c.	per 2 oz.
Small Registration &c.	16. "
By French Packet.....	
Continents of Europe (France exc.)	
".....	38 per 2 oz.
Ports of China and Japan (to or from).....	10 " 10 "
".....	8 per 4 oz.
Aden, Ceylon, India, Pondicherry, Saigon.....	12 per 2 oz.
Spain and Portugal, &c. Brindisi.....	18 per 2 oz.

The above are all the changes hitherto made in the Table of Rates dated the 1st instant, and must be regarded as superseding that Table so far as they apply.

CHARTERS EFFECTED.

The following Settlements are taken from Messrs. REINEMANN & Co.'s Freight Circular:-

British bark <i>Colosse</i> , 432 tons, thence to London, 22 7/8 to 24 per ton 30 days, 15 thry days.
British bark <i>Northern</i> , 617, 593 tons, thence to London, 22 7/8 to 24 per ton 20 to 25 Oct., 15 thry days.
British bark <i>Ontario</i> , 564 tons, thence to London, 21 3/4 to 24 per ton 30 days, 15 thry days.
British bark <i>Saville</i> , 170 tons, Whampoa to London, 21 3/4 to 24 per ton 30 days, 15 thry days.

New-York, 22 net tons of 40 feet, 31½ days.
American bark *Charles C. Leary*, 63½ tons.
Whampoa to London, 27 days, private terms.
British bark *Becky*, 762 tons. Manila to New-York or Boston, private terms.
British ship *Coral*, 4100 tons, 314-ton. Manila to London or Liverpool, private terms.
British bark *Lord Alcester*, 678 tons, Hilo to a port in the United Kingdom or on the Continent, private terms.
British bark *Wander*, 230 tons, hence to Melbourne and Spain, private terms.
British bark *Manilla*, 290 tons, Foochow to Sydney, private terms.
German bark *August*, 274 tons, Foochow to Melbourne, 2350 in fall.
German bark *Alfred*, 458 tons, Foochow to Sydney, 24150 in fall.
British steamer *Alcoa*, 687 tons, hence to Ootk-ton, 56750 in fall.
British bark *Clackmannan*, 237 tons, New-chwang to Hongkong, 244 cents per picul, 25 day days.
German 3-masted schooner *Oceanus*, 335 tons, New-chwang to Hongkong, 24 cents per picul, 29 day days.
German bark *Park*, 250 tons, Whampoa to Ootk-ton and New-chwang to Hongkong, 324 cents per picul, 30 day days.
German bark *Zeus*, 448 tons, to Haiphong and back, 31,850 in fall, 36 day days.
American 3-masted schooner *William Phillips*, 635 tons, to Tooton and back, \$3,000 in fall, 35 day days.
British ship *Footscage*, 638 tons, to Tooton and back, \$3,200 in fall, 50 day days.
German bark *Berna*, 540 tons. Amoy and Swatow to Moussou and back by Amoy and Amoy, \$4,500 in fall, 60 day days.
British steamer *Columbian*, 1417 tons, Swatow to Singapore (Pamangers), private terms.
British steamer *Pratt*, 552-ton, to Amoy and Swatow 3 trips, \$2,800 in fall, 7 day days.